

15 August 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 August 1969

DDI called attention to today's item in the CIB showing that the Soviets' largest space booster exploded on the launching pad on 3 July.

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Lehman for Godfrey noted the deteriorating situation in Northern Ireland

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Abbot Smith related that they are in the midst of coordinating NIE 11-8 and hope to be on schedule despite current differences. The Director noted that he had left a copy of the Estimate NIE 11/3-69, The USSR and China, with Dr. Kissinger and the President may read it. The Director also related that he had left with Kissinger a copy of his China briefing paper and it was well received.

X1 [] noted that Admiral Gayler (D/NSA) had requested some charts on CIA. The Director asked General Cushman to call him and make arrangements for a full-dress briefing on CIA with all Deputies participating.

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Carver noted the up and down level of enemy activity in the II and III Corps areas.

Carver reported that he had met yesterday for the first time with General Blackburn, the new SACSA, and found him well disposed toward the Agency and quite familiar with Special Operations.

Carver attributed the leak on the Director's action of 12 August to the San Clemente end of the message (See Morning Meeting Minutes of 12 August 1969).

Maury reported that C/AF had done an excellent job in briefing Representative Ogden Reid prior to the latter's travel to Africa.

Houston related that he had briefed the Department of Army JAG (Brig. General Parker et al) on the Green Beret matter yesterday.

Houston reported that Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst will be here on 21 August for lunch, and the Director indicated that he may join them if his calendar permits.

* Bross briefed on the PFIAB agenda for their 21 and 22 August meeting (attached). The Director asked that Mr. Bross give him a note on the material he was to cover and the briefers on other topics.

Duckett reported that he had been in touch with Dr. Foster (DDR&E) on his informal review of NIE 11-8 and will undertake this task directly with Dr. Foster or Gardiner Tucker.

Duckett related that he had given Dr. Foster one of his periodic reviews of the ABM System.

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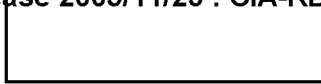
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* The Director noted that he had seen Frank Borman and asked that arrangements be made to brief him on the Soviet Space Program.



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Goodwin reported on calls received from Benjamin Wells (NVT) and Chalmers Roberts (Washington Post) requesting comment on the Green Beret story.



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for L. K. White

*Extracted and sent to action officer

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